ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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YAKUTAT COMMERCIAL SET GILLNET OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

Yakutat...The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information concerning the Yakutat Area commercial set gillnet fishery:

Alsek River: will be open from 12:01 p.m., Sunday, July 29 through 12:00 noon, Monday, July 30.

East River: will remain closed, but may open on short notice depending on observed escapement.

<u>Dangerous River</u>: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 29 through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 31.

Akwe River: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 29 through 6:00 p.m., Monday, July 30.

Lost River: will remain closed until further notice.

Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 29 through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 31. Commercial set gillnet fishing will be prohibited along the north bank of the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet between two Alaska Department of Fish and Game markers located approximately 500 yards above the eastern most channel and 500 yards below the western most channel from the confluence of the Situk-Ahrnklin Inlet and the Lost River. Commercial set gillnet fishing will also be prohibited near the mouth of the Situk River from a marker located at the southeast end of Johnson Slough (59°26.52′ N. lat., 139°33.02′ W. long.) to a marker on Black Sand Spit (59°26.15′ N. lat., 139°34.24′ W. long.) back to a marker just west of the Yakutat Seafoods buying station (59°26.69′ N. lat., 139°34.54′ W. long.). Commercial fishing for Chinook salmon is closed. Dead Chinook salmon may not be retained for individual personal use. Dead Chinook salmon with the dorsal fin removed may be delivered to a buyer at the time of sockeye salmon sale for distribution to needy in the community.

Yakutat Bay: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 29 through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 31.

Manby Shore-Outside Waters: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 29, through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 31.

Manby Shore-Inside Waters: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 29 through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 31.

Remainder of the District: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Sunday, July 29 through 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 31.

<u>Subsistence Fishery</u>: From the beginning of the commercial salmon net season through the end of the commercial salmon net season the weekly subsistence fishing period is from 6:00 a.m. Friday to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, unless extended by emergency order. This applies to each river and bay fishery individually.

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is EO 1Y1712.

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